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Dear Mr. Blanton:

I appreciate the opportunity to respond to your letter regarding our restoration plans for Frank's Tract. It gives me the chance to clarify where we are in the process and to dispel rumors which have come from "over-interpretation" of language in our Proposal Solicitation Package (PSP).

We have not developed a long-term vision as to how Frank's Tract could contribute to our ecosystem restoration effort. We know that some or all of the lake could be reclaimed to more shallow habitat, but we have not determined what the right mix might be. We have not gone any further than identifying Frank's Tract as a potential area. Designing a habitat restoration plan for Frank's Tract is a work effort we have planned for mid-2000, which is the first year of our implementation program.

When we start the development of the long-term plan for Frank's Tract, we will include the interested and affected public through workshops and working groups. Any project we implement will be disclosed in an EIR or EIS.

Specific to the information you read in our PSP, in 1997 we awarded a contract to Moffatt and Nichols Engineers to evaluate the feasibility of constructing channel islands in Frank's Tract. Their evaluation involves four sites totaling 45 acres along Piper Slough. Our language in the PSP is intended to make it possible for anyone to come forward with a proposal to implement a project that is derived from the Moffatt and Nichols feasibility study. The project would be limited to no more than 45 acres and would be subjected to all appropriate California Environmental Quality Act and permitting requirements.

Dick Daniel, of my staff, will meet with the Striped Bass Association on March 23, and later that same day, with some of the marina operators at Bethel Island. Perhaps you might post this letter on you web page and encourage your readers to go to the Striped Bass Association meeting. It will be at 9:00 a.m. at the Crockett Club House off Port Street.

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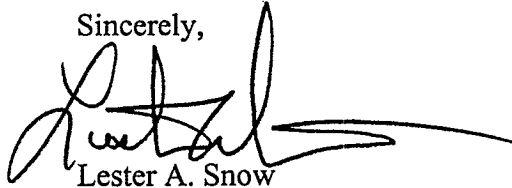
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Thank you for bringing your concerns to our attention. It is our intent to address them appropriately.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lester A. Snow", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Lester A. Snow
Executive Director